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CHANGE IN PROCESSING SERVER TRAINING CERTIFICATION

Since implementation on August 1, 2001, the training of servers of alcoholic beverages has been a mandatory requirement for on-premises licensees and for any retail licensees the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) determines to be in need of training due to the frequency or types of violations involving the serving of alcoholic liquor. Complying with the server training requirements is a critical obligation of licensees as it plays an important role in reducing sales to minors and visibly intoxicated persons. Since the MLCC grants the applicants 180 days to comply with the server training requirement after the issuance of the license, this important obligation is oftentimes unintentionally overlooked in the frenzy of opening a new business.

In an effort to assist licensees in meeting server training requirements in a timely and efficient manner, the MLCC will now provide the Server Training Certification (LC-1866) form and a list of the MLCC approved server training programs at the time of issuance of the license rather than at the time of approval of the license. It is the objective of this processing change to support the licensees in obtaining training for the servers of alcoholic beverages at the earliest possible time to achieve the maximum benefits from the approved server training programs. A server who does their job responsibly plays a significant role in reducing violations for the licensee and protects the public from the negative social and legal consequences of alcohol related incidents.

The MLCC would also like to take this opportunity to remind the licensees that a copy of the server training certification card issued by the authorized administrator of the server training program **must** be provided to verify that the server training requirement has been met. None of the approved server training programs provide these server training certification cards directly to the MLCC. It is the licensee's responsibility to comply with the server training requirement within the 180 day time frame to avoid being cited for a violation resulting in fines, suspension or revocation of the liquor license.